

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-8 and 10 are considered in the Office Action.

Claims 1-8 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Battat et al U.S. Patent No. 5,958,012 ("Battat").

Reply to §102(e) Rejections

The Office action at 4 states that "the system of Battat allow [sic] the user(s) to filter any component of the network system (see abstract and figure 11), therefore allowing the user to filter status information relating to any printer or computer connected within the network depicted in fig. 11." Even if this is correct, Battat does not describe or suggest, as recited in claim 1, an application that is adapted to receive status information regarding output printing devices, filter the status information relevant to a print job submitted by a client computer, and display the filtered status information.

The only portion of Battat cited by the Examiner regarding "filtering" is Col. 6, lines 2-26. As previously mentioned, however, the cited section merely describes allowing a user to construct "filters" to view resources in any of a number of "business process views," such as "Global Network," "Payroll," "Order Processing," "Dispatch," "Storage management," and "R&D," for continual monitoring. (Col. 6, lines 2-26; Col. 16, lines 6-10; FIG. 8). The selected view is then used as a filter, such that only objects that exist within the selected service view are displayed. (Col. 16, lines 13-15).

Unlike the claimed invention, Battat does not describe or suggest anything regarding filtering status information relevant to a print job. Instead, the filtering that Battat actually describes is based on displaying (or not displaying) objects on a screen based on whether or not the objects are included in a selected "service view." Such filtering has nothing to do with filtering status information relevant to a print job submitted by the client computer, and Battat does not describe or suggest such filtering.

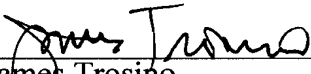
Because Battat does not describe or suggest the claimed invention, applicants respectfully request that the § 102(e) rejection of amended claim 1 be

withdrawn. Because all other claims depend from claim 1, applicants respectfully request that the rejections of claims 2-8 and 10 also be withdrawn.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, applicants submit that this application, including claims 1-8 and 10, is allowable. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner allow this application.

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